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1. The organization of the 3 Engineer Corps is similar to that of a special division. It includes 4 regiments and various directly controlled units, and has a total of 18,000 men and 120 trucks.
2. HUANG Ta-i (黃道宜), commander of the Corps, is a Hunanese, 38 years old, and a graduate of the Kunming Special Army Training Class. He was a battalion commander in the Nationalist 10 Engineer Corps. In 1949 he and his entire battalion, with 20 trucks, defected to the Communists at Chengtu (122-29, 12-23). Subsequently he achieved considerable merit with the Communists by repairing the Peiping-Mukden Railway and reconstructing the Liu River Bridge, Kwangsi, in 1950. HUANG, who is quiet and lives with his men, is well regarded by the Communists, and is in the process of becoming a party member.
3. HU (胡) is political commissar of the Corps; the six Soviet advisers include Ma-i-ssri-ch'i (馬意斯基) (? Maisky) and P'u-i-k'e (博意克) (? Boiko).
4. On 3 April the 3 Engineer Corps moved from Kwangsi to south Kwangtung. Its headquarters was established at Suich'i (110-15, 21-23). Some of the units under direct headquarters control were at Lienchiang (110-16, 21-36). The 9 Regiment was at Hsuehmen (110-07, 20-25); the 10 Regiment at Ch'inhien (108-37, 21-56); the 11 Regiment at Yulin (110-08, 22-38) and the 12 Regiment at Hop'u (109-10, 21-38).
5. After entering Kwangtung, the 3 Engineer Corps was put under the control of the 15 Army Group. On 5 April officers from the Organization and Supply Departments of the 15 Army Group visited the Corps headquarters to study the strength, equipment, health and working conditions of the troops.
6. The Corps is to construct fortifications along the south Kwangtung coast, and to construct a branch highway from Kueihsien (109-40, 23-02) to Fort Bayard. This is reported to be part of a grandiose scheme to link the USSR, China and Indochina by a trunk highway (sic).

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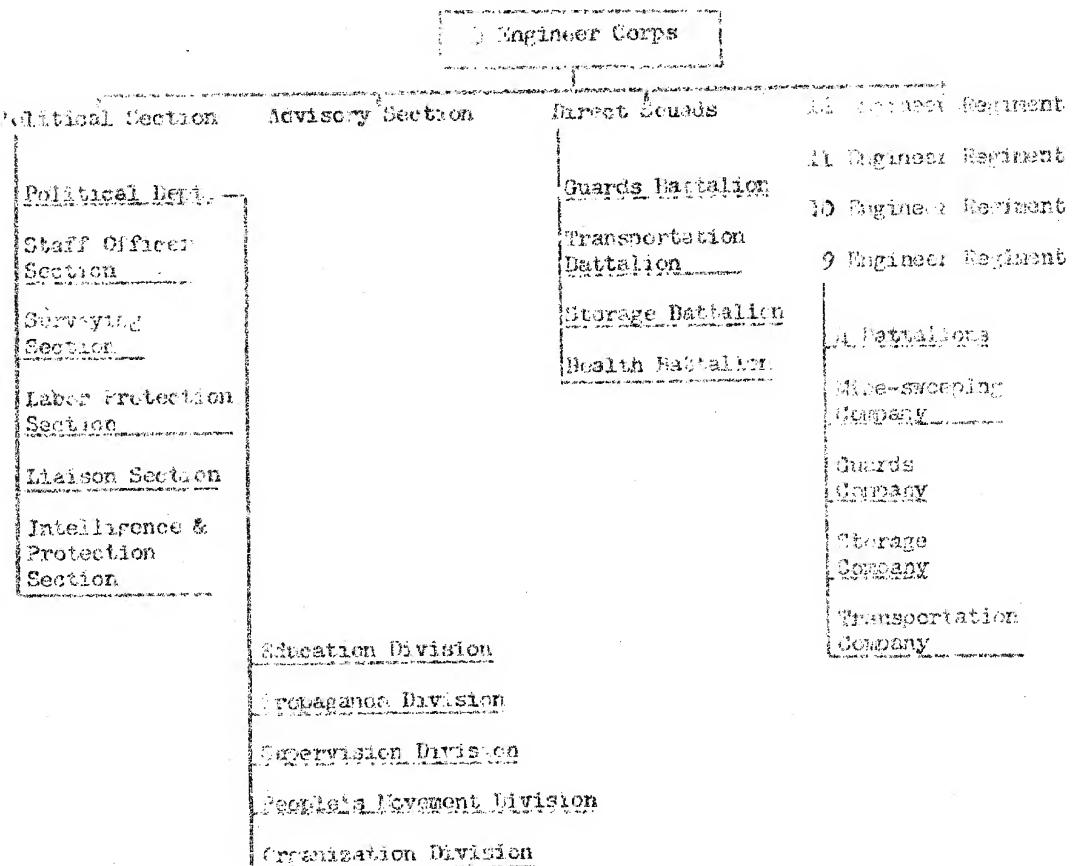
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7. Organization of the 4 Engineer Corps is shown by the following chart.



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